

9 FAM PART IV Appendix C, LEBANON

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RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
B-2	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1/D	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
H-1B	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-4	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
L-1	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
L-2	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-2	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-3	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]

P-1	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-2	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-3	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-4	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
R-2	\$30.00	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

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Routine IV clearances should be sent to the U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, attention Beirut IV Unit. No outside checks are made. "VISAS EAGLE" or "VISAS DONKEY" should be sent on persons who appear in microfiche and/or CLASS as having been entered by Embassy Beirut. Embassy Beirut cannot ordinarily make outside records checks.

If an outside check is considered necessary in an exceptional case, the requesting post should state the special need and include the number, date and place of issuance of the applicant's identity card and/or passport. Police records are divided between the Judicial Investigation Department (criminal) and the Surete Generale (security). It is important to specify which records should be checked. Since there is no routine procedure for an outside check in Lebanon, it is not possible to estimate how long a reply might take.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Police and Prison Records

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

Available. For those residents in Lebanon, they may be obtained by applying in person to the Police Record Department, Internal Security Office, Ministry of Interior. For those not residing in Lebanon, applications can be processed through Lebanese Embassies, but applicants may experience indeterminately long waiting periods before they receive the documents. However, they are also available if the request is submitted through a relative or friend living in Lebanon.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-134; 0-16-1996)

Unavailable.

Birth Certificate

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Lebanese and foreigners born in Lebanon (resident and non-resident) may obtain a government birth certificate from the district office of the Vital Statistics Bureau in the district where the applicant is registered. Non-residents may request a certificate by mail, but postal service is not entirely reliable. A fee may be charged for this service.

NOTES: Alternate civil documentation of birth (for Lebanese nationals whose place of birth is Lebanon) can be the individual or family civil registration sheet issued by the Vital Statistics Bureau, which records all members of a family. If a birth certificate is unavailable due to non-registration or the civil war, the statement of non-existence must be requested from the Vital Statistics Bureau.

A Lebanese identity card, which also contains biographic information, can be used as secondary evidence along with the certificate of non-existence of birth registry from the Vital Statistics Bureau. Palestinian refugees born in Lebanon must apply for their birth registration sheets at the Ministry of Interior, Palestinian Refugees Branch.

Birth, Marriage, Divorce and Death Records

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Available. Marriage, divorce and death certificates may be obtained from the district office of the Vital Statistics Bureau in the district where the event was registered. There is no fee for a death certificate.

NOTES: There is no civil marriage or divorce in Lebanon. The Lebanese civil law requires that all marriages, divorces, and deaths must be registered with the Vital Statistics Bureau.

Births and marriages before the last census date (1932) and early independence date (1943) are sometimes not registered. In this case, secondary evidence is acceptable along with the statement of non-existence from the Vital Statistics Bureau.

In rare cases, religious marriage certificates can be accepted as secondary evidence. The same is true in divorce cases. Since each divorce is granted under religious law, the basis for divorce depends on the religious affiliation of the parties to the marriage. Christian church certificates can be authenticated by the bishops of each community. Fees for religious documents vary among the communities.

In general, Lebanese Embassies can accept the request for the civil documents, and, as in the case of police and prison records, applicants may experience indeterminately long waiting periods before they receive the documents. However, it is possible that requests be submitted by applying in person or through a relative or friend living in Lebanon or Lebanese mayors.

Adoption Decree

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Adoption decrees in Lebanon are issued by Christian religious courts. Such decrees are recognized as valid under civil law. Moslem religious law does not permit adoption.

Once the decree is issued, the adoptive parents must obtain a civil registration sheet and a Lebanese identity card for the child. After the identity card is issued, a Lebanese passport may be obtained.

VISA ISSUING POST

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Beirut (E) NIV (Revalidations, which
require no personal interviews,
and special cases.)

IV and NIV applications for nationals of Lebanon are processed by the following U.S. consular offices.

Abu Dhabi	United Arab Emirates
Damascus	Syria
Nicosia	Cyprus
Tel Aviv	Israel

NOTE: Visa services in Beirut have been limited since the September 20, 1984 Embassy bombing. The U.S. services section remains open.

NIV processing in Beirut is limited to revalidations not requiring personal interviews, and diplomatic and official cases only.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVICES

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All of Lebanon.